GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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CADRE REVIEW IN PASSPORT OFFICES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has conducted any cadre review in the recent past to resolve the issue regarding shortage of staff in the Passport offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the number of sanctioned posts of Passport Officers under CPO and the number of persons currently in position;

(e) the quota for Deputation and Promotion as per RR and the number of promotees and deputationists at present in position; and

(f) the reasons for variation, if any, in filling up the posts as per RR?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a)&(b) the Ministry conducted a cadre review for the CPO in the year 1999, which created 81 posts in various grades. In 2001, on the recommendations of the Staff Inspection Unit (SIU) of the Finance Ministry, an additional 138 posts were created in various grades. A fresh SIU study of Passport Offices has been recently undertaken. After implementation of the SIU report, the Cadre Review exercise will be initiated;

(c) not applicable;

(d)(e)&(f) at the officer level, i.e. Superintendent and above, there are 182 sanctioned posts for officers from the Central Passport Organization (CPO) and 31 sanctioned posts for officers on deputation. At present, all 182 posts under the CPO quota and 26 posts in the deputation quota have been filled up.